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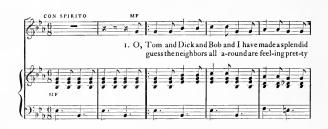
$\underset{\text{for}}{\text{SONGS}}$ Tom, dick, bob & peggy





TOM and Dick and Bob and I Have made a splendid tune! We march around in our back yard Each pleasant afternoon, And sing it as we march along, As loud as we can sing, While little Peggy rings the bell As loud as she can ring. With horns and drums we four big boys Can make a most tremendous noise; And Peggy likes to help along, So while we march and sing our song, We let her ring the bell.

I guess the neighbors all around Are feeling pretty proud To have musicians living near, And playing good and loud. Sometimes they come to see us march, And then they always say, "What splendid soldiers they will make! How well they sing and play!" We blow the horns and beat the drum, With rat-tat-tat and tootle-tum, And Peggy likes to help along, So while we march and sing our song, We let her ring the bell.









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THE SHADOW

MY shadow stays with me all day,
And then at dusk he steals away,
And I suppose he goes to play
With Someone down in China.

For while I am asleep at night, Down there the sun is shining bright; Perhaps he's dancing in the light, My shadow down in China.

I wonder which he likes the best, His playmate in the East or West,— Me, when I'm in my Sunday best, Or Someone down in China.

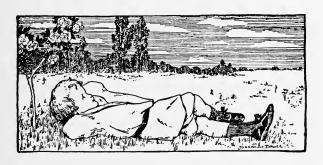




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CLOUDS

O BEST of all I like to lie
Flat on my back and see the sky,
And watch the clouds go sailing by;
Grown folks can't stop them more than I.

Sometimes they race, sometimes they 're slow, Often they big and bigger grow, But just exactly where they go, No more than I the grown folks know.



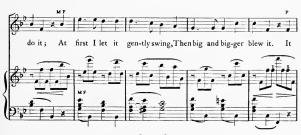


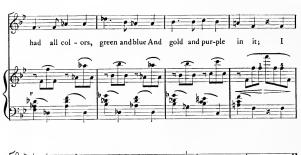
THE BUBBLE

MADE a very lovely thing,
And no one helped me do it;
At first I let it gently swing,
Then big and bigger blew it.
It had all colors, green and blue
And gold and purple in it;
I loved it, though of course I knew
'T would hardly last a minute.











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KNIGHT OF THE HOBBY HORSE

He rode away with flashing eyes,
To fight in a distant land;
His charger was a coal-black steed;
His sword was in his hand.
"I may be gone a hundred years,"
Said he, "and so farewell!
The papers I shall send to you
My valiant deeds will tell."

His mother waved a last goodbye,
And sped him on his way.
"When you come back to me," she cried,
"'T will be a happy day!"

He rode across the nursery
And through the garret dim,
Then paused to view the country round,
Beyond the window's rim.
The day was warm, he'd journeyed far,
Said he, "I'll rest awhile,
And then again my steed and I
Will ride full many a mile."

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They found him there as night came on; His flashing eyes were closed; With arms around his charger's neck The little knight reposed.









OWN in the cupboard that hangs on the wall, Where mother's treasures stay,

There is the shell that came first of them all,

Over from far Bombay.

Outside it's crinkled and inside it's pink; When there's a rainy day, That is the best time to travel, I think, Over to far Bombay.

Mother will hold the shell close to my ear; "Now shut your eyes," she'll say.
"Listen, for that is the ocean you hear,
Over in far Bombay."





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SWING SONG

SWINGING up where the wind's astir, Swinging down to the grass, Swinging high, till you're near the sky, Where the little birds pass.

Swinging high as the old church spire,

Swinging low as the ferns, Looking down on the far-off town, Where a bonfire burns. Swinging up where the wind's astir, Swinging down to the grass, Swinging high, till you're near the sky,

Where the little birds pass.









THE MOON.

SOMETIMES I wake at night,
And see a path of light
That lies across the floor;
And then I turn and see the Moon,
And play that we have never met before.

I shut my eyes, and then
I open them again
To see that smiling face.
Oh, if 't were not so far away,
I think up there would be a pleasant place.







LITTLE RED BUSH

On the hill-top so dreary and bare,
When summer was over and skies were dull gray,
And the cold winds were fighting for victory there,
In the midst of the stone
And the stubble, alone,
Flamed the little red bush.

Said the little red bush, "How I wish that I grew In the valley so pleasant and green;
But here I must stay, so the best thing to do
Is to look bright and cheerful whenever I'm seen,
Though I'm here all alone
With the stubble and stone,
Just a little red bush."





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THE WIND

HAVE never seen the Wind, But I know his ways; Slamming doors and rattling panes, Whirling snows and driving rains, That is how he plays.

When I try to walk along
Just as grown folks do,
He will push me till I run,
Then he'll take my hat for fun,
And my ribbons too.

How I wonder where he stays
When he goes away.
I have heard him rushing by
When the moon was riding high,
And he's gone next day.







PROCESSION DAYS

H OW I wish that I were tall On Procession Days, When the band goes marching by, And the trumpet plays. Grown folks big and high can see, While they hide it all from me.

When I've grown to be a man I shall beat the drum, And you'll see me marching by On Procession Days. Very straight and tall I'll be So that ev'ry one may see.







THE SNOW MAN

I SAW a little Snow Man With such a funny face, Close to a garden wall; He stood just like a soldier All winter in that place; He never moved at all.

I said goodbye one morning As I went off to school; Never a bit stirred he; The sun was shining brightly Although the air was cool; I thought he smiled at me.

That very day he vanished,
The way the Snow Men do,
Never came back at all!
He slid away at noontime,
Where grass was pricking through,
Close to the garden wall.



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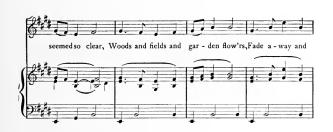
DARK NIGHTS

WHEN 't is very dark at night
All the things that seemed so clear,
Woods and fields and garden flow'rs,
Fade away and disappear.

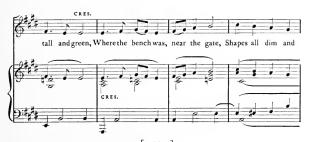
Where the lilac bushes were,
Where the trees stood tall and green,
Where the bench was, near the gate,
Shapes all dim and strange are seen.

But the morning brings again
All the things night stole away,
Woods and fields and garden flow'rs,
Ready for another day.











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THE RAIN

ALL the flow'rs were fast asleep; Softly down the Rain did creep; "Now," he said, "I'll wake them up, Clover, Daisy, Buttercup." Tap! Tap! Tap!

"Winter now has gone away;
Flowers dear, come out to-day!
Spring is waiting just outside;
Pray don't any longer hide."
Tap! Tap! Tap!

Soon the windows open flew; Little heads came into view. Far away the Rain had crept, Waking other flow'rs that slept. Tap! Tap! Tap!







LULLABY

GO to sleep, my little dear, Mother's here, close by; Shining stars will watch us both, Looking from the sky.

Long ago the sun went down
In the golden west;
All the day you've played so hard,
Now 't is time to rest.

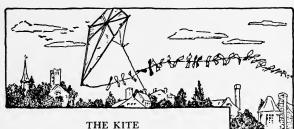
Hear the crickets chirp good-night, We must say it, too. Little dear, till morning comes, Pleasant dreams to you.





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LY up, my little kite so gay, As high as you can go. You need not fear to lose your way, For I am here below.

The swallows wonder what you are, And fly along with you, A stranger bird who's travelled far, All white with tail of blue.

Fly bravely on, my little kite, The swallows are your friends; They'll miss you, stranger bird so white, When your long journey ends.









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ROBIN

R OBIN'S in the tree-top, Singing in the sun. "Ev'rything tells of Spring! Weather's almost always so, Bright and clear like this, you know, Fair for ev'ry one."

Robin's in the tree-top,
Singing in the rain.
"Though today skies are gray
Weather is not always so.
Soon through ev'ry cloud, you know,
Comes the sun again."







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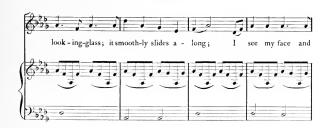
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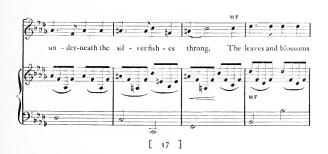
THE river's like a looking-glass; It smoothly slides along; I see my face and underneath The silver fishes throng.

The leaves and blossoms lie on top, And float away from me; The shining pebbles, red and green, Far down below I see.

How I should like to stay down there Where little fishes glide, And see the river overhead Past other children slide.

















THE Clerk of the weather knows the way
The wind will blow outdoors,
But the secret of making a pleasant day
Is never the Clerk's—it's yours.

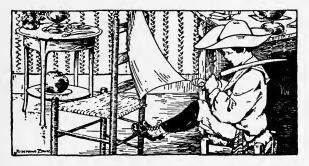
Just open your eyes and smile, my dear,
And soon the sun you'll see;
He'll shine indoors, and the wise old Clerk
Can't alter the weather—not he!







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PIRATE'S SONG

ALL day I've been a Pirate, A-sailing on the sea; From Bureau Land some treasures I'm bringing home with me, For I am a Pirate bold!

From off the Table Islands
I got a precious store;
I safely sailed among them
Where none had sailed before,
For I am a Pirate bold!

But now my voyage is ended, As ev'ry voyage must be, The harbor lights of Bed Land I'm glad enough to see, Though I am a Pirate bold.





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THE ANTIPODES



HERE it is snowy winter-time;
The world is cold and white.
They say at the antipodes
These days are warm and bright.
How I should like when summer's gone
To give the earth a swing,
And make it turn the other way
Until I found the spring.





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